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An Incomplete Story

On the front page of this paper is an article under the head, "Executions in Surry," and since this was prepared and the front page of the News printed we have secured further information that should be a part of this article, but it is necessary that we now give it space on another page of the paper.

Mr. W. D. Haynes is our authority for some information about the execution that was made at old Rockford. His grandfather was living there at the time and he gets the story from his people. Mr. Haynes says that the hanging that we refer to in the article on the front page of this paper was that of Charles Stokes. The story as Mr. Haynes received it is something like this: Charles Stokes went to the home of a woman named Mary Hinshaw who lived in the Rockford section. His purpose was to rob her of her money. It was night and he found her in the bed asleep. He struck her what he thought was a death blow with an axe and she had killed her. Then he robbed the house of such things as he could find that he wanted and, before leaving, threw a chunk of fire into the bed where the woman was, thinking that he would thus burn the house and cover up his crime.

But after he had gone away the woman became conscious and got up and was able to crawl from the room and carried with her the burning bed clothes. In this way she saved the house from burning. Later Stokes was arrested and in his possession was found a pair of spoon molds. In those days a well-to-do family would have a spoon mold and mold their spoons from pewter. These spoon molds gave Stokes away and became the piece of star evidence that clinched his case and proved his guilt. Later, Mr. Haynes thinks, he confessed to the crime.

Mr. Haynes also recalls something of the hanging that was at Dobson soon after the county seat was established there in 1862. He remembers hearing old people tell of the facts and he recalls that part of the story is that a negro woman killed a white man named Lewis Forkner who lived about the town. Out of this case a hanging developed, but Mr. Haynes is not able to recall the story further.

In conversation with Senator R. L. Haymore since the article on the first page of this paper was printed we were impressed with the need of further word about the father of the unfortunate Cain brothers. Senator Haymore says that he has known the Rev. Hence Cain all his life and that there is not a finer citizen in the county. And we have the same report from others who have lived as neighbors to the Cain family. All agree the Rev. Cain, now an old man and possibly past 80 years of age, was a man of influence and high standing in his day. He was a preacher of average ability and served churches and preached funerals and did the work of a country preacher for many years of his life. He was a man of good business ability and reared a large family many of whom live in the country about him today and are highly respectable people. He was a prosperous man and was able to give his children some property, giving to most of them a farm on which they settled. He yet owns a good estate.

Good citizens almost resent any suggestion that the father of the Cain brothers failed to give them the proper training. They say that he made his home a good one for his children and that their unfortunate career certainly cannot justly be charged to any fault or neglect on the part of their parents.

Bidding For The Woman Vote

The Republicans of this state evidently see that the woman are to vote in the very near future, for they made a big bid for their vote last week when they nominated a woman for Superintendent of Public Instruction for the state.

As we see it they made a good political move when they did this, for women are subject to influence just as are the men, and they will naturally appreciate any recognition that either political party bestows to give them. There are a very large number of public spirited women in the state who want to vote. They want to vote because they have sense enough to see that their vote is needed to make conditions what they should be, and they will naturally have a leaning to the party that is the most ready to

grant to them the natural rights that they possess, the right to vote. As we see it the Democratic party has nothing to gain in this state by holding back on the subject of Women Suffrage. It is as certain to come a time, sooner or later, that 32 states have taken action on the subject and say they want the women of the nation to vote in all elections. Only 38 states are required to put this right into the Constitution and the additional three states are most certain to be secured in the next few weeks, or months at most.

Great Crowd Attended Funeral of Cain

A gathering of people estimated at from 1500 to 2000 attended the funeral of the Cain brothers at Westfield last Sunday afternoon. The time for the services and interment was set for 3 P. M., but the services were delayed by an accident to the truck used who was bringing the remains from the home of Mrs. Joe Cain to the church. When about a mile from the church the truck broke down and it required two hours to get it in operation. Thus it was about five o'clock before the remains arrived and the services began. Rev. J. W. Combs was in charge of the services and spoke for half an hour. The remains were opened to the public for a last look at the faces of the departed and it was about six o'clock before the interment was made. Many citizens came to the funeral in their automobiles from distant parts of the county. The remains of the two men were shipped home in two nice black caskets and were buried side by side in the same grave.

Surry Woman Heirs \$20,000

All the good stories are not found in the dime novels, for here is one right hot from the pan that developed here in Surry. Down on the rural route, No. 2 from this city lives a woman of middle age, Mrs. Betty Davis, who is one of the fortunate few who are able to get more than they expect out of the game of life.

Mrs. Davis has an adopted daughter who lives down in the state of South Carolina. Sometime last fall, as the story has reached us, Mrs. Davis went down to visit this daughter, and while down there she was near a hospital in which a citizen of that country was a patient. It so happened that this citizen patient was a very sick man and so very sick that the doctors gave up all hope of his recovery and said that he would surely die. Then it was that Mrs. Davis heard of the case and of the trouble that was supposed to be killing him. She being a woman of common sense and some experience prescribed some simple remedy and the man took her medicine and began at once to improve, and in a short time was a well and strong man.

From this experience a friendship developed that soon led to a love affair and Mrs. Davis and her one time patient agreed to agree and to become married on the 25th of November last. But as bad luck would have it the citizen contracted the flu and died on November 14th, just 11 days before the date set for the marriage.

Mrs. Davis came back to her home here and bore her grief and disappointment in silence. A few days ago she received notice that she had been forgotten in the last will and testament of the man who was to become her future husband, for in his last sickness he remembered her in his will and left to her the neat little sum of \$20,000 all of which has been paid over to her in the hard coin of the realm and is now in her possession.

Crowd Robinson Passes

Many will recall the figure of Creed Robinson who was often known to preach on the streets of this city during the past years. It was generally known that he was mentally unbalanced to some extent, but he was harmless and he had a zeal for the cause of Christ and wanted to preach. He often spoke here to the public on Saturdays. Some months ago he was carried to an institution in the state of Virginia for the mentally unsound and some weeks ago passed to his reward. He was a pleasant kind of man and while he may have done but little good he did no harm and maybe in his feeble efforts he pointed many to a better way.

Change in Business

Mr. A. E. Hannah has sold an interest in his business to Mr. Wade C. Moody and the business will be conducted in the future under the firm name of Hannah and Moody. Mr. Moody went with Mr. Hannah some years ago as clerk and assistant in his Undertaking business and made himself so capable and so valuable to the business that he was allowed to buy an interest. They have fitted up a nice show room and made changes in their place of business that add much to their ability to serve the public.

Attorney A. E. Tilley sold the Hurt residence on East Poplar street last week to Mr. Clyde Woodruff who buys it for a home for his family.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Equal notices of every nature, such as Administrator's notices, trustee and Commissioner sales, etc., when published in The Mount Airy News will be charged for at the rate of one-half cent per word, each issue the notice is run, each figure and initial to count as one word. Cash in advance will be required for this class of advertising before the notice is inserted. Resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, personal tributes and notices of a like nature will be charged for at the rate of one cent a word, for each insertion, cash with copy. Minimum charge 50 cents. This February 23rd, 1920. THE PUBLISHERS.

Gardner Begins His Campaign in Surry

Hon. O. Max Gardner, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and candidate in the democratic primary for Governor, has launched his campaign in Surry county by selecting Mr. E. C. Bivens as his campaign manager. A strong and aggressive campaign will be made and Gardner men believe the County will return a good majority for their man.

In talking with Mr. Bivens one is impressed with the splendid qualifications of Mr. Gardner and here are some of the reasons advanced by Mr. Bivens why Mr. Gardner should be our next Governor. In the first place Mr. Bivens states that Mr. Gardner is a self made man, his parents dying when he was a child. He then worked on the farm and in a cotton mill and accumulated enough money by working at different jobs to get an education. He attended A & E college at Raleigh and later studied law at the University. During all this time Mr. Gardner made his own way. Mr. Bivens states that no one can do these things but a man of excellent ability and self determination.

He also says that Mr. Gardner is qualified from a business standpoint to care for the different interests of the people of the state. That while a lawyer, Mr. Gardner is also one of the leading farmers of Cleveland county and connected with various industrial pursuits in his home county.

As far as training for the office goes no one has had better opportunities than Mr. Gardner. He has served the State as Lieutenant Governor and is well equipped for the many duties of the Governor's office.

Mr. Bivens says that Mr. Gardner is not and has never been a machine politician but is making this race upon his own merits and is more than willing for the people of the state to look to the man and his past life and accomplishment and judge accordingly. Mr. Gardner has been active in Church life, being a member of the Baptist church of Shelby, and his character and ability are such that no mistake will be made by casting a vote for him in the primary.

It is also announced by Mr. Bivens that Mr. Gardner will address the voters of Surry County at Dobson on the first day of April.

Returned From Siberia

Dr. Darius C. Absher, Major Medical Corps U. S. A. has returned to this city after spending a year in Siberia in government service.

During his absence Dr. Absher spent some time in China and Japan and his work took him as far into the interior of Siberia as Lake Baikal or about 2,000 miles west of Vladivostok where he was located the greater part of the time.

Dr. Absher tells us that the Revolutionists have possession of the country without much organized resistance, that they are establishing free schools and making attendance compulsory in the territory occupied and controlled by them.

The Doctor strikes a hopeful note in his estimate of the Bolshevik government, he says they have already dropped many of their extreme views and while they have incorporated some things in their constitution that are wrong, yet he sees no reason why they may not eventually establish a permanent and stable form of government, gradually eliminating the unfit. Bolshevik is taken from a Russian word meaning large—to us it would mean government by the majority, not a bad idea after all, is it? We were indeed glad to hear a man who has been in Siberia speaking so hopefully of the situation. He says that America is rapidly withdrawing her troops, and if they are not all withdrawn now they will be in a very short while.

Dr. Absher made the trip from Vladivostok to San Francisco in two weeks, just half the time required for the trip going to Vladivostok, when he went over.

Dr. Absher has not yet decided just where he will locate but will probably devote himself to public health work.

Judge A. E. Tilley Sick

Judge A. E. Tilley is confined to his home on Lebanon street with the influenza. Because of his sickness no Recorder's court was held the first of this week. The case of State against S. A. Hennis was due to come on for a hearing this week, but was put off along with all other business.

Wagoner-Gaugh

A motor party came up from Winston-Salem Saturday composed of Messrs. Grady C. Shelton, Thurman Starling and W. W. Gaugh, they visited the registry of deeds office in Dobson and then motored to the home of Mr. F. E. Wagoner where they were joined by Miss Ida Mae Wagoner, the party then motored to the home of Rev. C. C. Haymore on Main street where Miss Wagoner and Mr. Gaugh were united in the bonds of holy matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaugh spent the week end in this city and returned to Winston-Salem Monday.

Rev. R. M. Taylor was a visitor in the city last week and while here sold his eight room residence on Orchard street to Mr. W. M. Jordan, proprietor of the Blue Ridge Inn. Mr. Jordan intends to make it his home after the first of next month.

NOTICE

By virtue of the power conferred in me by an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Surry County, I will offer for sale at public auction on the premises on Thursday, March 18th 1920, at 2 P. M. the following described real estate:

Ten valuable town lots situated on East side of Rockford street, in the town of Mount Airy the same being the lands of the late Anderson Creed, and adjoining the lands of P. S. Rothrock, T. W. Roberts and others. Plot can be seen at Creed's Book Store. Terms cash. A. E. Creed, Commissioner.

BUSINESS BUILDERS

FOR SALE—White enamel baby carriage. Phone 12. t/c

YEAR 1919 WAS BY 50 per cent the best business we ever did. Our lower prices must be the cause. W. E. Jackson. t/c

YOUNG MEN for Railway Mail Clerks, \$110 month. Experience unnecessary. For free particulars, examinations write J. Leonard (former Government Examiner) 444 Equitable Building, Washington, D. C. 3-12p

EGGS from thoroughbred prize winner Buff Orpingtons for hatching at very reasonable prices. L. S. Ludwick 152 Taylor St., Mt. Airy. 4-30p.

TENANT WANTED—A man with family. Good land, stock, tools, 5-room cottage, a No. 1 chance for a tobacco crop, see me at once, J. Luther Wood, Route 1, Rockford, N. C. 3-12p

WANTED—Messenger boy, must be 14 years old or older. Good job for the right boy. Apply to Western Union Telegraph Co. t/c

THERE IS a hot time coming. Buy sugar maple trees and be protected. See L. P. Wrenn. 3-28-c

FOR SALE—One pair heavy draft horses, 6 years old, weight 2600 lbs. Cheap to quick buyer. A. M. Short, Lebanon St. t/c

FOR SALE—5 passenger 1919 Ford car or will trade for a roadster or real estate. H. G. Jarrell. t/c

WANTED—Men and boys over 17 years old. Good opportunity to learn skilled trade paying high wages. Mengel Box Co. Winston-Salem, N. C. 3-25-c.

STEEL SAFES—We represent Herrington Hall Marvin Safe Co. and have in stock various sizes of steel fire-proof safes and portable vaults. Carter-Martin Furniture Co. t/c

LOOK FOR THE BIG SIGN, "Jackson's" a complete line of everything and the best place to trade. t/c

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Price \$5.00 per month. Apply to Miss Sue Callaway, 119 Broad St. 3-19-c.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—From thorough bred White Leghorns. \$1.50 per setting of 15. Let us have your orders a few days ahead. Phone No. 2 or 228. C. E. Landy. 3-20c

LOST! A pair of gold rimmed glasses in case between Hawley streets and The Mayo Mills, going down Willow street. If found please return to News Office and receive reward. 1-5-c

HAVE YOU given your wife and children a square deal? Buy sugar maple trees and beautify your home. L. P. Wrenn. 3-25-c

Eggs For Hatching—From pure bred prize winning Barred Plymouth Rock hens. \$1.50 per setting of 15 eggs. M. T. McKnight.

City Route 3. 3-19-Pd. EGGS FOR SALE from my prize winning White Rocks, U. E. Fishels direct, Wilburtha direct, White Wyandottes from C. V. Epler and J. Martin's Canada direct, grand pen of Black Minorcas, any of the above \$2.00 per setting of 15. H. Buxton, Mt. Airy, Route 3, Box 5. 4-5-c.

Maple Grove Dairy, Mount Airy, N. C., can furnish you with sweet milk morning and evening. Leave your orders with phone No. 59

15,000 YARDS PLANT BED CAN-VASS just opened. Best grade on the market. W. E. Jackson. 3-12c

A Timely Suggestion. The next time you have a cough or cold try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is pleasant to take and you are sure to be pleased with the relief which it affords. This remedy has a wide reputation for its cure of coughs and colds.

Advertisement for Carter-Martin Furniture Co. featuring an illustration of a woman sitting in a chair. Text includes: 'Come in and get an Easy Chair for him. We have lots of them.' 'Mrs. Homelover:— When your husband, tired out by a day's hard work comes home, have a nice, comfortable chair for him to sink into and repose. Come to our store and get a "comfy" chair and surprise him. You also will enjoy it. And it will be an ornament. We also have for you all the furniture and rugs you need. Our furniture is stylish and is strongly made; our rugs are in rich design. Our QUALITY is always HIGH; our PRICE is always LOW. Carter-Martin Furniture Co. Mount Airy, N. C. Frank Carter, Jr. Drew Martin

Advertisement titled 'Her Smile' and 'What Constitutes A Horsepower? Here's An Engineer's Answer'. Text includes: 'She is mourned in her home circle. By her own who loved her best; She is missed by friends and neighbors. Since God took her home to rest. For her life was one of service. She was busy all the while. Her motto was: "help others"— And her ministry, her smile. How that smile healed childish heart-aches! How it banished all their fears! And brought comfort to the comrade Who walked with her down the years! Joy and pain they bore together, Loving deeply all the while; And the thing that never failed him Was the radiance of her smile. In the hours of pain and sorrow, When the way was dark and drear, Always, that sweet, tender smile, Banished gloom and brought good cheer; She is gone, her loved ones miss her, But look forward all the while, To the time when they shall meet her, And, again, behold her smile. —Grace Doze Booth. In memory of Della Welch. Notice. Having been appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Surry County, as special agent to collect the remainder of the County Special School tax, I take this method of notifying the people that the books are in my hands, and anyone wishing to pay his tax may see me at any time and pay it. For the convenience of the people I will be at Dobson on First Mondays and during most of court. I will also meet the people in each township for the purpose of collecting this tax, the times and places to be published later. Respectfully yours, J. H. Isaacs.

Advertisement titled 'HOMES FOR SALE'. Text includes: 'DON'T PAY HIGH RENTS—BUY A HOME!' 'One eight room dwelling on Spring and Pender Streets. One five room house, with water, lights and sewerage on Oak Street, (near Main). Two five room houses on Gallaway Street, with water, lights and sewerage. Two seven room houses on Junction Street with water, lights and sewerage. One three room house on Elm Street. Two small houses near Quarry. If interested will be glad to show you this property. PRICES AND TERMS REASONABLE. W. W. BURKE